

Senate Resolution 1511

By: Senators Thompson of the 33rd, Wiles of the 37th, Stoner of the 6th, Hill of the 32nd and Rogers of the 21st

A RESOLUTION

1 Honoring the life and legacy of the Honorable Joe Mack Wilson and recognizing the Joe
2 Mack Wilson Park in Marietta, Georgia; and for other purposes.

3 WHEREAS, the State of Georgia lost one of its most distinguished citizens and public
4 servants on May 17, 1993, with the passing of the Honorable Joe Mack Wilson; and

5 WHEREAS, Mr. Wilson served as a guardian of this nation's freedom and liberty with the
6 United States Navy, valiantly and courageously protecting his fellow Americans during
7 World War II; and

8 WHEREAS, he diligently and conscientiously represented the citizens of Cobb County as
9 a member of the Georgia House of Representatives from 1961 to 1988, where he served with
10 honor and distinction; and

11 WHEREAS, during his nearly three-decade tenure with the House of Representatives, Mr.
12 Wilson served as chairman of the House Committee on Ways and Means, as a member of
13 the House Committees on Rules, Appropriations, and Legislative and Congressional
14 Reapportionment, and on the Blue Ribbon Committee on Higher Education Financing and
15 the University System's Laboratory and Equipment Needs Committee; and

16 WHEREAS, Mr. Wilson served as the Chairman of the Cobb County legislative delegation
17 and helped lead the county through a challenging period of growth and development to
18 secure the county's position as a leading county in this state; and

19 WHEREAS, a native of Cobb County, Mr. Wilson was responsible for numerous
20 improvements in Cobb County, including the development of the Platinum Triangle
21 Community Improvement District, doubling the funding for roads in Cobb County, the
22 development of Kennesaw State University, and the relocation of Southern Technical
23 Institute to Cobb County; and

24 WHEREAS, an integral part of the Cobb community, Mr. Wilson owned and operated a
25 three-generation family owned business with his sons; and

26 WHEREAS, Mr. Wilson served two terms as the Mayor of the City of Marietta, utilizing his
27 great vision and leadership toward the city's beautification and economic development; and

28 WHEREAS, he was recognized with numerous honors and accolades for his service to Cobb
29 County and Georgia, including the Cobb County Citizen of the Year Award, the Honorary
30 Alumnus and Founder's Award of Kennesaw College, the Georgia Municipal Association
31 Public Service Award, the Georgia Vocational Rehabilitation Award, the Georgia Mental
32 Health Association Most Effective Legislator of the Year Award, the Cobb County Bar
33 Association Liberty Bell Award, and the Frank Simpson Memorial Award; and

34 WHEREAS, in honor of this distinguished gentleman's numerous contributions to Cobb
35 County and the City of Marietta, a park in Marietta has been named in his memory.

36 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE that the members of this body
37 join in honoring the life and memory of the Honorable Joe Mack Wilson and recognize the
38 Joe Mack Wilson Park as a fitting tribute to principled statesman and an effective Georgia
39 leader.

40 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Secretary of the Senate is authorized and directed
41 to transmit an appropriate copy of this resolution to the family of the Honorable Joe Mack
42 Wilson.